

Changes to YoungStar for 2017/2018

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The items outlined in this document are clarifications or modifications that will be made to YoungStar for 2017/2018 implementation. These will be effective for any program that applies to YoungStar on or after January 1, 2017 or whose anniversary date is in 2017 or 2018.

General Clarifications That Apply to All YS Programs		
Category	Indicator	Clarification
General	Rating Frequency	Programs will be required to be rated every other year with the option of an annual rating, if requested by the program. Rating criteria will change every other year as well. This addresses the concern by programs that they are evaluated too often and are required to provide too much paperwork.
General	Age Group Selections for Indicators	Beginning in 2017, in the Group evaluation criteria, classroom selection for indicators that need verification will be for the following age groups: birth – 35 months, 36 – 60 months, and school-age. In Day Camp evaluation criteria, the group selection for indicators that need verification will be for the following age groups: 3 - 4 year olds (if enrolled), 5 years –and older.
Learning Environment and Curriculum		No substantive changes.
Business and Professional Practices		No substantive changes.
Family Engagement	C.5.1-5 Family Engagement	The examples in the activities have either been clarified or modified to better meet the program type. Beginning in 2017, 3 Star programs are required to achieve 1 point. 4 and 5 Star programs are required to achieve 2 points.
Health and Wellbeing	D.1.1 Healthy nutrition and/or physical activity policies and practices	This indicator is changing from using CACFP participation and menu review to requiring programs to utilize a process of self-assessment in the areas of nutrition and/or physical activity. This indicator is required for 3, 4 and 5 Stars.
	D.1.2 Physical skill development and healthy physical activity.	This indicator has been modified to increase the amount of physical activity time required to earn the point and also to give programs more flexibility in demonstrating how they are meeting the intent of this indicator. The indicator also will address screen time per day while children are at the program.

Environment Rating Scales Clarifications for 2017/2018

The updated notes for clarification on the Environment Rating Scale Institute website are used to update the Notes for Clarification and are used for scoring throughout 2017/2018. The Clarifications are located at: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/ers.htm>